

I support House Bill 6645.

This bill would allow doctor's to offer relief from the agony of dying to the terminally ill.

A reliable friend (Karen Torop, who has volunteered for the hospice program) has told me of numerous instances when prescribed painkillers do not relieve intense pain for dying patients.

I witnessed the death of my grandmother from colon cancer: it involved months of terrible and frightening days of pain and delirium. I know she would have preferred to leave this world sooner than she did. Her suffering traumatized our entire family and for some of the family it led to distrust of the medical community for its inability to heal or comfort a dying woman.

Up to this stage in our history at least in Connecticut, we are treating terminally ill pets better than human beings, because we allow them to be euthanized. I have seen the beautiful light that came into the eyes of my dog, as she was released from pain by the drugs that allowed her to die. I know she was freed by the drugs to move on to whatever comes next.

I would prefer to live in a state where this option was open to me, when it comes time to die. The bill is framed carefully to prevent abuse of the terminally ill. I urge you to pass it.

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